

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

44. (currently amended) A method of fabricating a ferromagnetic plate for a magnetic resonance scanner magnet frame comprising the steps of:

(a) cutting a starting plate having oppositely directed major surfaces and a thickness between such surfaces into strips, each of said cut strips having a width greater than the thickness of the starting plate and equal to the thickness of the ferromagnetic plate to be fabricated, whereby each of ~~said the~~ cut strips ~~has~~ have substantially smooth faces which originally constituted parts of the major surfaces of the starting plate; and

(b) stacking the strips so that ~~major surfaces~~ the faces of the strips abut one another.

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